



NORTH POINTE NEWS

NOVEMBER 2025

Pastor Emerita Post (P.E.P. Talk) November, 2025

Dear Family at North Pointe,

You may be aware Pastor Sue Barham is preaching a seven-week series titled: We Live We Love. She is focusing on stories from Genesis to explore our relationships with each other and God. She asked me to tell the ancient stories and called me a storyteller. (Who knew?)

Then on a recent Sunday, our closing hymn was "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms." I was reminded of a story that happened to me in 1986. The event was important for me in my relationships as a pastor.

Here's the story:

Half-way through the first verse of the opening hymn, I caught on. Finally, after growing up in a Methodist church, I caught onto the value and necessity of a faith community. It took me forty-five years to catch on.

I had completed my first year as a pastor and was standing behind the pulpit singing #133 in the United Methodist Hymnal: "What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms." I had been the pastor of these people long enough to have learned some of their personal histories. I knew the hymn well enough to look out over the congregation as I sang.

Ruth and Roger were there, standing and singing from their regular place among the eighty worshipers. They had both lost spouses to cancer and then found each other. In the third row on the right side, Bernie and Frank saw me and smiled as they sang. Years earlier, Bernie's first husband and father of their children, put a shotgun in his mouth and pulled the trigger. Owen and Gloria, who had buried a two-year old child, sang from the back pew. Bob's wife and two grandchildren had been killed in an accident with a semi. Hank's son was in prison. J.C. had lost his arm in a mishap with a corn-picker, Sandy had recently joined a support group for incest survivors ... and

... that's when it hit me! They were all singing! How could they sing? How could they experience such tragedies, yet come to worship every Sunday and sing?

That's when I caught on. Finally caught on. These folks had stories to tell and not just stories of tragedies. They had experiences of faith that transcended their suffering. Stories that might never be told, but by attending worship and singing these people were witnessing to their faith in the Christian Story of love overcoming death.

In my subsequent years of ministry, I learned to ask people what their favorite hymn or song was. And, if I asked why, I heard a story of grace moving in the midst of despair.

Since that Sunday, thirty years ago now, one of my favorite hymns is #133 in the United Methodist Hymnal. And, on that years-ago-Sunday, I don't know who started it, but during the chorus, folks began swaying back and forth, left to right, gently leaning against the shoulders of the people next to them.

"Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;

leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms."

To gather in worship is to count on the everlasting arms in our faith community as well as to witness to the central story of our faith.

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We need each other! NBK

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November

Worship Assistants

- 2** ***Jeanne Tyree Franis***
9 ***Dianne Belland***
16 ***Geoff Brewster***
23 ***Don Tyree Francis***
30 ***Beth Deppe***



November

Communion Stewards:

Kim Hendrickson and

Nancy Oertel



November Ushering Team

Team C

Rommel Ellis

Ronald Fox

Jack Duchac

Carl Korndorfer

Matt Stees



November SCRIP Dates

Sunday, NOVEMBER 9TH

Cash and Carry. (Cards that we have in stock') are available for sale in the church office when Sue Dennison is in the office. Cash or checks are accepted. We carry a variety of cards in our Questions/help contact: Elinor Offerdahl, or Lillian Brown



NOVEMBER Food Pantry Items

***Pasta Sauce
Pasta
Saltines***





Stepping Up For The Diaper Ministry

SPECIAL THANKS!

The Mission Committee is so grateful to everyone that participated in our First Diaper Ministry Project.

We were able to collect \$ **3700.50** for this project. This will be a GREAT HELP. We hope to continue this project each year.

Again, thanks to Jean Gobeli for his organizing the Diaper Ministry. Also for ALL the volunteers that come to North Pointe UMC each Monday from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. It's a group effort.

Special thanks to Sue Dennison, our Administrative Assistant in reference to design of our envelopes and check that was given to Jean for a keepsake.

Thanks to Racine Educators Credit Union for furnishing us with pens for the Diaper Ministry. They were given out on Sunday, October 19th.

(picture, left to right: Pastor Sue, (Mission Committee Members) Dianne Belland, Ellie Boldus (Diaper Ministry Volunteers) Jean Gobeli, Patt Fitzgerald, Nancy Oertel and Mission Committee Member, Georgia Owens.)

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

What God has provided for me, I will share with others.

We truly are thankful to **EVERYONE**.

Ellie Boldus, Dianne Belland, Georgia Owens, chair and Pastor Sue Barham

Congratulations to Krystal L. Ellis

Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame Banquet

Sunday, September 28, 2025, at Glacier Canyon Lodge, Wilderness Resort, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin, Krystal L. Ellis was an inductee to the 2025 Hall of Fame Player (Racine St. Catherine's-Marquette University).

She is the daughter of Brenda Smith and Rommel Ellis; Grandparents, Pinkie Smith and Leamon Ellis (living); Lee Smith and Mae Ellis (deceased).



Dedication makes dreams come true.

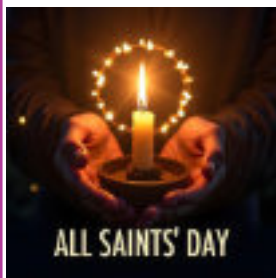
Kobe Bryant



Laity Sunday

Sunday, November 23rd

9:30 am



On Sunday, November 2, we will observe All Saints Day during our worship service. This is the Sunday we observe the passing of members from North Point UMC during the past year.

Claire Catrine Lois Hillery Bill Hoff Jean Monaghan

There will be a moment of silence during the service for each of us to remember loved ones that have passed.

Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 2nd at 2:00 am. Remember to turn your clocks BACK one hour before going to bed on Saturday!



On Sunday, November 9th, we will honor the veterans in our church with a presentation by Jack Duchac, *The Remembrance Table*

Honorees:	Branch of Service	In Memory of Our Veterans:	
Lea Acord	Army Nurse Corps		
John (Jack) Duchac	Navy	Charles Coleman	Army
Eric Ellis	Navy	Anton (Tony) Kaplan	Army
Gary Dennison	Navy	Dennis Long	Air Force
Ron Fox	Navy	Milton (Milt) Unterbrink	Army
David Brittig	Army	Michael Partlow, Sr.	Army
Ronald Schmidt	Navy	Will Moser	Army
Michael Young	Navy	William Hoff	Marines
Michael Boldus	Navy		
David Edmonston	Air Force		
Gary Martin	Army		

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

Wednesday, November 26th, at 6:00 pm

The Service will be a combined service with United Lutheran Church and North Pointe UMC. Be sure to attend and celebrate all the wonderful gifts God has given us.





CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Our Christmas altar decorations this year will include White or Red Poinsettias. You may purchase one, or more, of these beautiful plants as a gift, in honor of or in memory of a loved one. The cost of each plant is \$15.00.

Please return your order form to the church office (3825 Erie St., Racine 53402) by Sunday, November 23rd checks should be made payable to North Pointe United Methodist Church.

Memo Line: Poinsettias

Your Name

Phone Number

_____ \$ _____

Number of Plants:

Red _____ **White** _____

Amount Enclosed

Please indicate the names for each plant ordered (please print):

Plants may be taken home after our Christmas Eve Service.

November 2025 From the YOUt.h. T.E.A.M.

The YOUth T.E.A.M. wants to try to express our deep appreciation and heartfelt gratitude for the support, generosity, help, encouragement, and donations that you extended to us once again so we could offer the Trunk or Treat ministry for our neighbors and church family. You blessed us and you blessed over 130 people that came and participated in our event – even in the rain. What a blessing you all are!!!!



The Mason Jar Christmas Cookie Mix Fundraiser will be taking place again this year . The youth team will have them for sale on **Sunday, November 23, 2025 after worship**. This year once we are sold out of a specific kind of cookie mix, we will be sold out. We will not be making more, so get the items you want as soon as possible. Thanks.

The planned **Youth Team Movie Night that was scheduled for Saturday, November 22, 2025 has been cancelled.** We apologize to anyone looking forward to this event, but we are just unable to provide it at this time. Thanks.

It's always a great time to take some time to breathe and relax, especially with a good book to read. We remind everyone that there is a great library of banned books for all ages in the Youth Room that we encourage you to consider to borrowing from. We continue to add to our library with generous donations from many of you. Thanks for your support.

We also remind you that the resin heart project continues and resin hearts are always available for those that need/want some.

Our YOUt.h. T.E.A.M. will continue to meet on the third Sunday of the month from 10:30am – noon in the Youth room.



Warm Items For Our Elementary Schools

The Mission Committee will now be collecting Warm Items for S. C. Johnson and Olympia Brown Elementary Schools.

This project is beginning **Sunday, November 2nd until Sunday, January 4, 2026**. They will be blessed on Sunday, January 11th and delivered to the schools that week.

Boxes will be in the Narthex beginning Sunday, November 2nd, ready for your donations (socks, gloves, mittens, hats, caps, scarves, etc.). Thanking you in advance.

Mission Committee, Ellie Boldus, Dianne Belland and Georgia Owens, Chair.

North Pointe 2025 Charge Conference will be held on Sunday, November 23rd at 10:45 am in Fellowship Hall. Rev. Sue Leih will preside over the meeting. Be sure to mark you calendar for this import meeting .





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**We will be publishing a
combined December/
January Newsletter**

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Church Office Hours Tuesday—Thursday 9:30 am—3:30 pm



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6:00 pm

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